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FALL IN PRICES OF ARECANUT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of arecanut have crashed in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is any proposal to set up a committee to study the arecanut issues; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to protect the interests of arecanut growers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a): The prices of arecanut have shown a declining trend in Karnataka.

(b): The decline is due to increased availability, mainly as a result of increase in production of arecanut.

(c)&(d): A proposal from the Arecanut Growers Forum, Mangalore, Karnataka, hasbeen received by the Government for constitution of a Committee to examine the problems of arecanut farmers. However, the Government has already enhanced the import duty on betelnut from 35% to 100%.